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**Questions and Answers
ADDENDUM #1**

IFB Number: 0810046GU-RA

IFB Title: Fully-Automated Enzyme Immunoassay Analyzer (EIA)

IFB Due Date and Time: October 22, 2008

2:00 p.m., Local Time

******DUE TO THE QUESTION AND ANSWERS NOT BEING POSTED TO THE WEBSITE IN A TIMELY MANNER, THE IFB DUE DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 23, 2008 2:00P.M.**

Question #1. Is this an IFB for the machine and reagents?

Answer #1: Yes, this IFB includes an instrument, as defined in Section 4.3 Specifications and Pricing Schedule, as well as the supporting reagents for the minimum Test Menu.

Question #2. Can a vendor submit a partial bid for just the machine and some of the reagents?

Answer #2: The minimum test menu includes Hepatitis and HIV testing reagents (see 4.3.d on page 11 of IFB) supplied either by the submitting vendor or in partnership with another vendor. Section 5.0 Evaluation Criteria states that bids that do not meet the minimum system requirements will be eliminated from further review. No partial bids will be reviewed.

Question #3. How does this bid vary from the last IFB?

Answer #3: This bid now includes the number of weekly runs for each assay specified.

Question #4. Specifically what pricing issues were under question on responses from the last IFB?

Answer #4: Cost Proposal were missing critical evaluation criteria, i.e. Cost per test for each assay and Cost per reportable result. Also, the pricing information supplied did not include any cost information for the minimum test menu analytes. Monthly lease and reagent expenditure payments were provided, but not the individual cost to run each test listed in the minimum test menu criteria.

Question #5. What the desired length of the contract is? Are there any option or renewal years? If so, are they by mutual agreement or at the sole option of the State of Montana? Is pricing allowed to increase for option / renewal years?

Answer #5: This contract may, upon mutual agreement between the parties and according to the terms of the existing contract, be renewed in 1-year intervals, or any interval that is advantageous to the State. This contract, including any renewals, may not exceed a total of 5-years.

Cost Increase by Mutual Agreement. After the initial term of the contract, each renewal term may be subject to a cost increase by mutual agreement.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDUM

The bidder or offeror for this solicitation must acknowledge receipt of this addendum. This page must be submitted at the time set for bid or proposal opening or the bid or offer may be disqualified from further consideration.

I acknowledge receipt of Addendum # 1.

Signed: _____

Company Name: _____

Date: _____